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Docket Management Branch (HFA-305)
Food and Drug Administration
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RE: **Docket #98N01038** - Irradiation in the production, processing, and handling of food.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am demanding prominent labeling of all food that will include the words "irradiation" or "irradiated" and the use of the radura symbol. Any alternative working such as "cold pasteurization" and "electronic pasteurization" are misleading and therefore should not be used.

Since irradiation destroys the vitamins and causes changes in the sensory and spoilage qualities that are not obvious or expected by the consumer- the absence of such a statement on the labeling would be gravely misleading to the health and wellbeing of all consumers. Safety of the consumer should be the **Number 1** concern of the FDA. The FDA would be doing a grave disservice to the consumer by not informing the consumer of what has been done to food prior to the consumer's buying. Please make labeling a protective agent for the consumers.

Sincerely,



Deborah Browne.

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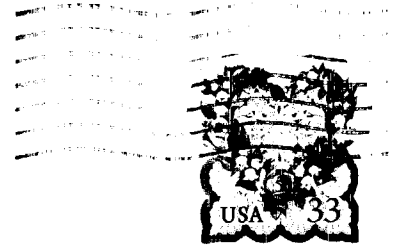
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